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### 1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--AS WITH MOST MATTERS RELATED DETENTE, TAIPEI MEDIA REACTION TO HELSINKI CONFERENCE WAS COOL WITH STRESS PLACED ON POSSIBLE ASIAN CONSEQUENCES. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) SAW PRESIDENT FORD'S HELSINKI AND BUCHAREST REMARKS MARKING END OF AN ERA. THAT IS: WESTERN NATIONS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR DESIRES TO CHANGE HALF-FREE, HALF-SLAVE WORLD STRUCTURE BY MILITARY MEANS. HENCEFORTH, APPEAL WILL BE TO FREE WILL OF PEOPLES IN ALL NATIONS CHOOSE THEIR OWN SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND NATIONAL DESTINY. THEORETICALLY, THERE NOTHING BASICALLY WRONG IN HELSINKI DECLARATION. BUT IT IS NAIVE AND TOO OPTIMISTIC AS LONG AS CONTENTION IS BETWEEN OPEN AND CLOSED SOCIETIES. IN FUTURE, DIVIDED AND CAPTIVE NATIONS WILL HAVE MUCH LESS HOPE FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT TO ELIMINATE COMMUNIST RULE. SINCE THEY MUST FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN FUTURE, IDEOLOGICAL,  
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CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUGGLES WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN MILITARY CONTEST.

--REPORTING ON PRESIDENT FORD'S CONFERENCES WITH PRIME

MINISTER MIKI, PROMINENT COVERAGE WAS GIVEN FORD'S ASSURANCES OF U.S. SUPPORT TO ASIAN ALLIES DESPITE INDO-CHINA SETBACKS, BUT MAIN FOCUS WAS ON FORD'S REPORTED REMARKS CONCERNING CHINA. BOTH CHINA TIMES AND LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) CARRIED REUTERS REPORT QUOTING FORD SAYING HE WOULD VISIT CHINA LATER THIS YEAR BUT EXPECTS NO MAJOR CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS PEKING. ADDITIONALLY, UNITED DAILY NEWS TOKYO-DATED LINE REPORT SAID FORD HINTED STRONGLY TO MIKI AUGUST 5 THAT NO DEVELOPMENT WAS POSSIBLE IN U.S. "NORMALIZATION EFFORTS" WITH PEKING. PAPER SAID HE REPORTEDLY ADDED: U.S. IN ITS POSITION DOES NOT WANT BECOME INVOLVED IN DELICATE MAOIST-RUSSIAN RELATIONS. AS TO THE U.S.-MAOIST RELATIONSHIP, IT WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. IN THE FUTURE, NO DRAMATIC CHANGES (OF RELATIONS) ARE EXPECTED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MAOISTS. UNITED DAILY NEWS SAID OBSERVERS NOTED FORD SEEMED TO REFUTE SPECULATION U.S. WILL UNDERTAKE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WITH "THE MAOISTS."

--RETURNED CU GRANTEE CHANG TSO-CHING OF UNITED DAILY NEWS WROTE FIVE-PART SERIES ON HIS U.S.-EUROPEAN TOUR. HE COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THE U.S. WILL RECOGNIZE PEKING BUT QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SEEING NO CHANGE IN PRESENT U.S. CHINA POLICY AS BASED ON SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. BUT THINGS MAY CHANGE AFTER 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, CHANG PREDICTED. AS FOR U.S. DOMESTIC SCENE, CHANG IMPRESSED BY THE NATIONWIDE AUSTERITY MOVEMENT AND ENERGY-SAVING EFFORTS, INCLUDING HARVARD UNIVERSITY WASHROOM SIGN ASKING EVERYONE TO TURN OFF LIGHT UPON LEAVING. CHANG EXPRESSED CHAGRIN OVER TAIPEI'S FASHIONABLE, LAVISH SQUANDERING AND WASTE. HE ALSO SAID HE FOUND PEOPLE IN THE U.S. AND EUROPE RELATIVELY MORE COURTEOUS, ORDERLY, HONEST, PUBLIC-MINDED AND TIDY THAN IN ASIA OR MIDDLE EAST. HE TERMED TAIPEI'S "KAMIKAZE-STYLE" TRAFFIC "A NATIONAL SHAME" AND URGED LOCAL POPULATION TO BECOME MORE HONEST, COURTEOUS, PUBLIC-  
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MINDED, ORDERLY AND TIDY, PARTICULARLY WHEN DEALING WITH FOREIGNERS. (FOR MORE DETAILS SEE TAIPEI'S 4966 AUGUST 5.)

## 2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--LINCOLN CENTER LECTURE BY WILLIAM WANG, DIRECTOR-TAIWAN, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, ON "CHINESE TRAVELLERS IN THE U.S. - HOW TO ADJUST?" AUGUST 6 WAS WRAP-UP PROGRAM FOR FIVE-PART SERIES ON "GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES." BEGINNING IN MARCH, SERIES DESIGNED PROVIDE STUDENTS BASIC INFORMATION ON FACTORS TO CONSIDER AND PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN PREPARING FOR U.S. GRADUATE STUDY. FOUR PREVIOUS LECTURES COVERED BASIC CONSIDERATIONS, CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY,

HOW TO APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS AND U.S. STUDENT VISAS.  
IN FINALE, WANG GAVE MYIAD PRACTICAL ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE  
U.S.-BOUND TRAVELLERS AND STUDENTS. HE DISCUSSED SUCH  
"SMALL" PROBLEMS AS FOOD, DRESSING, DWELLING, TRANSPORTATION  
AND RECREATION. ALSO DREW MANY COMPARISONS BETWEEN CHINESE  
AND AMERICAN CULTURES AND CUSTOMS, AND URGED WOULD-BE  
TRAVELLERS KEEP EYES AND MINDS OPEN IN ORDER LEARN AS MUCH  
AS POSSIBLE FROM FOREIGN CULTURE. ALTHOUGH POST-TYPHOON  
RAIN MIGHT HAVE STOPPED MANY FROM COMING, LECTURE STILL  
DREW RESPONSIVE AUDIENCE OF 180. QUESTIONS RANGED FROM  
DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION TO WHETHER THEY ALLOWED TO BRING  
PRIATED BOOKS INTO U.S.

--USIS TRANSLATIONS WIN PRAISE: FAVORABLE RESPONSES FROM  
RECIPIENTS OF USIS-TRANSLATED KISSINGER: PORTRAIT OF A MIND  
INCLUDE LEE HUAN, DIRECTOR, KMT DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL  
AFFAIRS, WHO WROTE: "...THE MORE WE KNOW DR. KISSINGER,  
THE BETTER WE UNDERSTAND CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FOREIGN  
POLICY. THIS COPY WILL CERTAINLY HELP ME COMPREHEND THE  
PRESENT-DAY GLOBAL STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES." DIRECTOR  
LEE IS CLOSE ADVISOR TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO. AND A  
NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY DRAMA PROFESSOR CITED USIS  
TRANSLATIONS OF ALL THE KINGS MEN, THE OPTIMIST'S DAUGHTER,  
THE BALLAD OF THE SAD CAFE AND A STUDY GUIDE TO 14 POEMS BY  
E. E. CUMMINGS AS BEING "SO EXCELLENTLY RENDERED IN OUR  
LANGUAGE THAT THEY DO NOT READ LIKE TRANSLATIONS BUT LIKE  
NATIVE CREATIONS WITHOUT LOSING THE ORIGINAL CHARM." ALL  
CITED BOOKS ARE ON SALE THROUGHOUT TAIWAN, BUT LETTER-WRITERS  
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WERE AMONG PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS RECEIVING  
PRESENTATION COPIES.

--USIS TAIPEI SERIES ON "AMERICAN CINEMA" CONCLUDED WITH  
A PANORAMIC PROGRAM ON "THE EXPERIMENTAL FILM," WHICH  
INCLUDED SHOWING SEVEN IMV-PACKET EXPERIMENTAL FILMS  
WITH IN-DEPTH COMMENTARY BY MR. LIAO HSIANG-HSIUNG.  
LIAO, SAN FRANCISCO STATE COLLEGE GRADUATE, IS NOTED LOCAL  
MOVIE AND TV DIRECTOR. CLEAR, ORGANIZED DELIVERY GAVE  
COMPREHENSIBLE PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENT AND AVANT-GARDE  
NATURE OF EXPERIMENTAL FILM. JAMMED AUDIENCE OF 300 GAVE  
EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO LECTURER BY ASKING MANY  
QUESTIONS AFTER TWO-AND-A-HALF HOUR FORMAL PROGRAM.  
TWENTY-ONE COPIES OF WORLD TODAY TRANSLATION, "THE AMERICAN  
CINEMA," SOLD AT LECTURE.  
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